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Hi Kathy,

Here are a couple facts that may help:

- The Bad River Band has worked cooperatively with partners (such as the National Park Service and USFWS) to monitor the piping plover population on Long Island. This cooperation has occurred at least of the last three years. The Tribe has dedicated its Conservation Warden to provide transportation for the piping plover monitors to and from Long Island for at least the last three years.
 - The USFWS and the Bad River Band had a cooperative agreement this year, focusing on monitoring piping plover nests on Long Island.
 - I attached the summary of the 2010 activities related to this cooperative piping plover habitat.
- There is no critical habitat for piping plover within the Reservation boundaries (as described in our TAS CWA 303/401 authority (i.e., excluding Long Island)). There is suitable habitat near the mouth of the Bad River; however, there is no evidence showing the piping plovers have used this site in the past.
 - The Tribe's Integrated Resources Management Plan deems this area as part of the Conservation Area. Conservation Areas will be managed primarily for their natural ecological and cultural values and will be protected from timber harvest activities as well as future residential, industrial, and recreational development. Source: Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Integrated Resources Management Plan. 2001.

I hope this helps!

Thanks,

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Hi Naomi,

I am finishing up work with USFWS on the approval of your WQS. They have asked for more of an assurance that critical habitat for Piping Plover will not be adversely modified. I have added the additional info to the letter and biological evaluation in blue text. I have some requests in red text for strengthening my arguments. Can you provide me with any assurances that would help get us get a concurrence from FWS? Let me know as soon as you can. Thanks!

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